

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Chair, Albert (Al) Cummings, Christopher Boutwell, Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health.

Michael Nelson opened the Board of Health Meeting at 5:35 PM

Review April 16, 2014 Minutes:

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the April 16, 2014 minutes. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Director's Report April 2014

- a) Tabled till next meeting due to time restraints

Health Inspector Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of April 2014

- a) School inspections
- b) Ce Ce's waste grease was an issue that was taken care of by the owners
- c) Connecticut River Liquor Inspection at old location
- d) 28-30 G Street issues and are complying
- e) 19 G Street has been filed in court and the owner will get a summons to appear
- f) 17 G Street – the issues are slowly being taken care of. A landscape crew has been working on helping to clean up the yard. Ms. Tilly was busy working on clearing the porches and yard. The Health Inspector will follow up with Ms. Tilly on May 29, 2014 for reinspection, pictures and report.
- g) Pooper Scooper signs down on Canal Street. Al Cummings has requested a sign at the corner of K Street.
- h) North Street signage for pooper scooper
- i) Trailer in Millers Falls is being worked on by the owner

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Health Inspector's Report for the month of April 2014. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

Nurse's Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of April 2014

- a) A possible measles case but it is not confirmed
- b) Home visits for the TB case
- c) Attended a webinar

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the Nurse's Report for the month April 2014. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Discussion of the proposed Kindermorgan pipeline

Guest: Roy Rosenblatt

The Montague Board of Health wants to have a discussion on record regarding the Kindermorgan pipeline.

- a) **See attached documentation regarding the pipeline – provided by Kindermorgan at the BOS meeting – April 7, 2014.**

Kindermorgan is proposing putting a gas line through town which would cut through 18 properties and the Montague plains area and around Lake Pleasant. On a state level the BOH organizations have not brought this up or taken a stand on this issue. Chapter 164 allows DPU authorizes Kindermorgan to survey land before taking it for eminent domain. Section 75 gives towns some leeway to reject if the health and welfare of the residents is in jeopardy.

*Al Cummings **motioned** to have the Montague Board of Health be on record as being opposed the Kindermorgan pipeline going through the town of Montague. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to have Gina McNeely draft a letter to the Turners Falls Water Department to reconsider and revoke the previous permission given to Kindermorgan to survey land in the Turners Falls Water District. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to amend the previous motion to authorize the BOH Chair to sign a letter that Gina McNeely drafts for the Turners Falls Water Department to reconsider and revoke the previous permission given to Kindermorgan to survey land in the Turners Falls Water District. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

*Al Cummings **motioned** to adjourn the May 14, 2014 Board of Health Meeting. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.** Meeting adjourned: 6:07 PM*

Approved by: _____

Date: _____